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COMMITTEE AND JOINT ADVISORY GROUP MEETINGS

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1. RE MEMBERSHIP OF ITC TECHNICAL COMMITTEE (TECHCOM),
ROTATIONAL SCHEME INVOLVING ONE YEAR OFF, THREE YEARS ON
FOR MAJOR COUNTRIES WOULD BE ACCEPTABLE, PROVIDED SIZE OF
BODY IS LIMITED TO 18. WE FIND THIS ALTERNATIVE PREFERABLE
TO EXPANDED TECHCOM OF 24, WHICH UP TO NOW SEEMED TO BE
ONLY VIABLE SOLUTION TO LONG-STANDING MEMBERSHIP IMPASSE
POSED BY EC.

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2. MISSION SHOULD MAKE IT CLEAR TO ALL PARTICIPANTS IN

THESE DISCUSSIONS THAT USG IS NOT ADVOCATING APPLICATION OF WORLD HEALTH ORGANIZATION (WHO) "FORMULA" TO TECHCOM OR OTHER UN BODIES WHICH FACE THIS KIND OF PRESSURE. (WHO EXECUTIVE BOARD MEMBERS ARE NOT ELIGIBLE FOR REELECTION AT COMPLETION OF THREE-YEAR TERM. ONE THIRD OF MEMBERSHIP IS ELECTED EACH YEAR AND ELECTION OF US AFTER ONE YEAR ABSENCE HAS BECOME ESTABLISHED PRACTICE.) WE REMAIN OPPOSED TO ENLARGEMENT OF TECHCOM ON BASIS THAT ADDITIONAL MEMBERS LIKELY TO RENDER IT MORE UNWIELDY AND PERHAPS LESS EFFECTIVE, BUT WOULD BE WILLING TO ACCEPT ROTATIONAL ARRANGEMENT SUCH AS THAT PROPOSED BY JAG CHAIRMAN MOEREL, WHICH WE BELIEVE WOULD FACILITATE CONTINUED SIGNIFICANT U.S. ROLE IN ITC MATTERS.

3. IF COUNTRIES ARE UNABLE TO AGREE ON THIS PROPOSAL AND CONTINUE TO PRESS FOR ENLARGEMENT OF TECHCOM, MISSION SHOULD BE GUIDED BY PREVIOUS INSTRUCTIONS.

4. IT IS EXPECTED THAT IVAN COSIMI (DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE) WILL HEAD US DELEGATION TO UPCOMING TECHCOM/ JOINT ADVISORY GROUP MEETINGS (JANUARY 6-17, 1975). MISSION MAY INFORM ITC BY DECEMBER 6 THAT U.S. PLANS TO ATTEND BUT SHOULD AWAIT FURTHER INSTRUCTIONS BEFORE INDICATING MAKEUP OF U.S. DELEGATION. KISSINGER

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